

Our community continues to face significant economic challenges as we recover from the recession. Creating jobs and putting people back to work is my top priority in Congress.

As we begin 2010, **I am reaching out to small businesses across greater Cincinnati to get your ideas and input on how Congress can most effectively create jobs for the millions of Americans looking for work.** I would like to do this in a two part process: 1) **getting initial feedback on the state of local business via my [small business questionnaire](#)**, and 2) **following up on answers and proposals in the questionnaires with a roundtable to discuss creative ways to continue to address these issues.**

My questionnaire is modeled after one that the Joint Economic Committee of the United States Congress sent to the heads of Fortune 100 companies as well as leading small businesses. The brief questionnaire asks about hiring plans in the near future and whether companies believe the current workforce has the skills necessary for the jobs that will be created in an economic expansion. I'm asking for your assistance in our efforts by responding by March 1, 2010. We would like to invite those who fill out and return the questionnaire to a discussion in late March or early April to develop and build upon your responses.

This questionnaire is voluntary and all individual responses will be kept confidential. My office will neither disclose nor distribute information provided on specific job creation proposals without written permission. However, we may contact you to request clarification of information provided or permission to disclose any of individual firm's specific job creation proposals. We also look forward to following up on your response with an invitation to the roundtable. [Click here](#)

to download my small business questionnaire.

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